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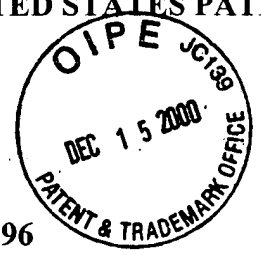
In re the Application of:

Ryoji KATO et al.

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Director of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Applicants petition the Assistant Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated **August 15, 2000** for **one** month from **November 15, 2000** to **December 15, 2000**.

Attached please find a check in the amount of **\$110.00** to cover the cost of the extension. In the event that any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340. This paper is filed in triplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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